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Performance Given to Celebrate 79th Founding Anniversary of Workers' Party of Korea

A performance was given at the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea on October 10, the 79th founding anniversary of the WPK, revving up the atmosphere of significant celebration of the holiday of the great WPK, which was born as the guiding force of the revolution with a hammer, sickle and writing brush inscribed on its sacred red flag and has led the country and people to the steady success and prosperity.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the performance.

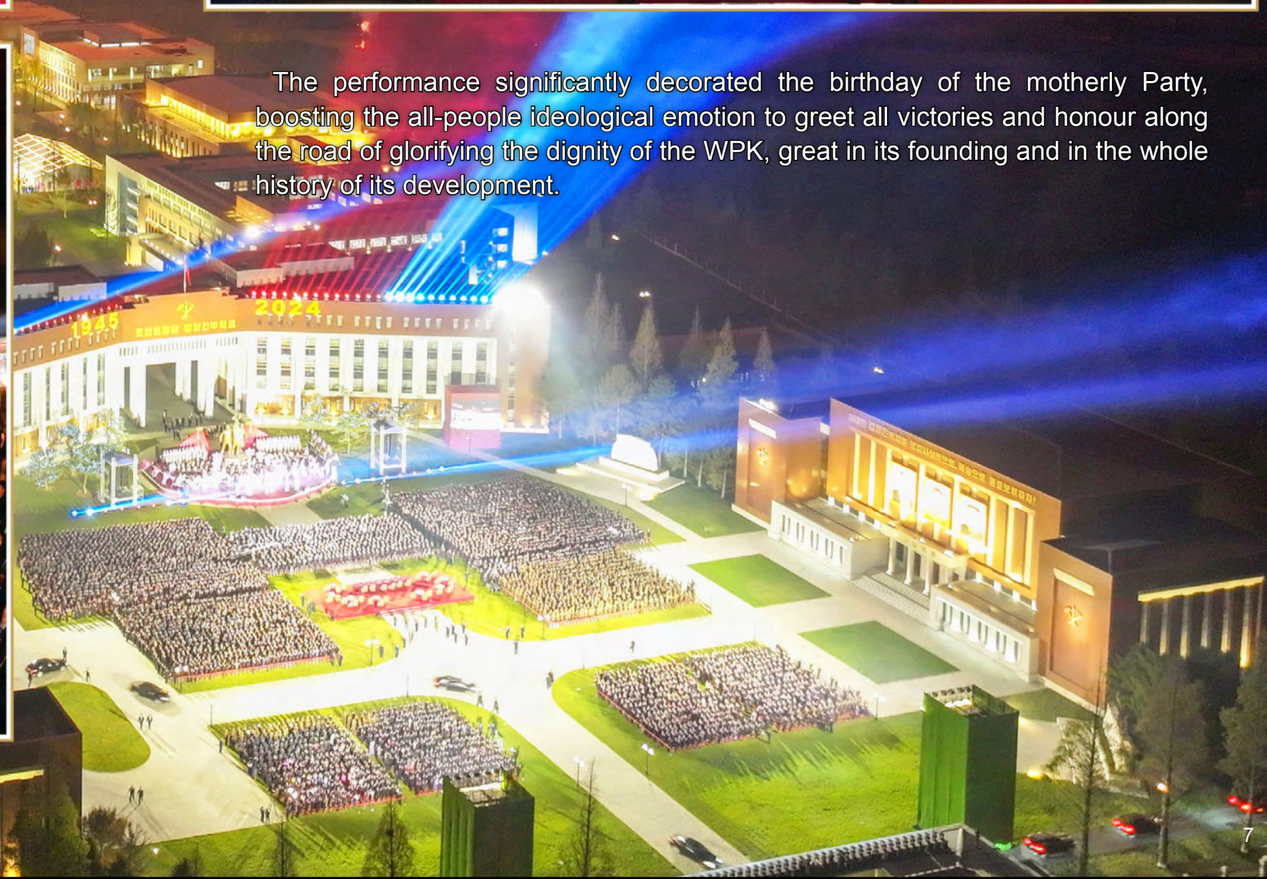
Among the audience were Presidium members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other members of the central leadership body of the Party, officials of the WPK Central Committee, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, officials of the armed forces organs, Party officials of ministries, national agencies and the capital city and teaching staff and students of the school.

Present there were Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and other leading embassy members as guests personally invited by the head of state.

The performance began with women's and men's chorus "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea." Put on the stage were hymns to the WPK and songs of patriotism which the Korean people have sung in praise of the great Party on the long path resplendent with heroism for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Through the immortal odes to the WPK, the performers portrayed the people's ideological and spiritual world of absolute trust in and loyalty to the WPK, which is writing a great history of building a prosperous country with a strong army and ushering in a golden age with its outstanding leadership while demonstrating the blood-sealed ties with the people unprecedented in the world political history.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged the performing artistes and the audience, expressing satisfaction over the successful performance.



The performance significantly decorated the birthday of the motherly Party, boosting the all-people ideological emotion to greet all victories and honour along the road of glorifying the dignity of the WPK, great in its founding and in the whole history of its development.

Banquet Given in Celebration of 79th Founding Anniversary of WPK

A banquet was given on the green lawn in the campus of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea on October 10 in celebration of the 79th founding anniversary of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the banquet.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue with his beloved daughter amid the playing of welcome music, all the participants greeted with warm applause the general secretary of the WPK, who is writing a heroic chapter of history of epochal transformations for the pure succession and development of the WPK, prosperity of the country and well-being of the people with his profound ideological and theoretical activities and outstanding leadership practice.

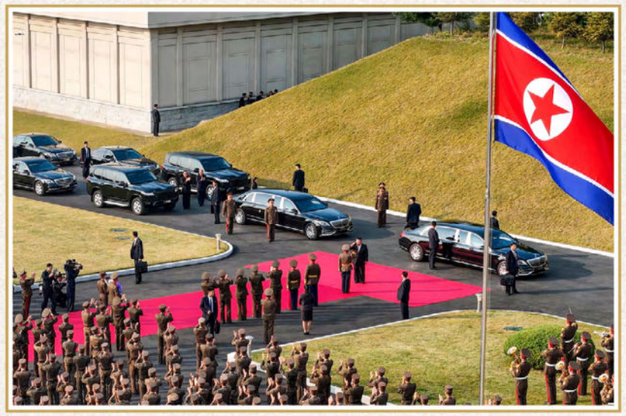
Present there at invitation were members of the central leadership body of the Party, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and teachers and researchers of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK.

Also on hand were Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and other leading members of his embassy, as guests personally invited by the head of state.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a congratulatory speech at the banquet.

All the participants toasted the health of Kim Jong Un, who always leads the great country and people to victory and glory with his brilliant wisdom and outstanding and seasoned leadership, and the great Party, the country and the people.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to Kim Jong Un University of National Defence



Kim Jong Un University of National Defence, which has made distinguished contributions to building up the incomparably powerful self-defence capability of the DPRK, while glorifying its proud history and tradition as the country's comprehensive base for education in defence science and technology in the long course of the revolution for accomplishing the great cause of building a rich country with a powerful army, greets its 60th founding anniversary with great pride.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited Kim Jong Un University of National Defence, the supreme temple dedicated to the training of talents in the Juche-oriented defence science and technology, on October 7 to congratulate its teaching staff and students on its 60th founding anniversary.

As Kim Jong Un arrived there, enthusiastic cheers went up.

He received a salute from Col. General Jon Il Ho, president of the university.

An educator and a student of the university presented him with bouquets of fragrant flowers in humble reverence.

Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated the reliable teaching staff and students who are upholding the Party's far-reaching cause of building a military power with the steadfast revolutionary spirit, matchless scientific and technological capabilities and proud academic achievements at the university, the source of the inexhaustible self-defensive military capability firmly guaranteeing the mightiness and invincibility of the state.

He made a historic speech in commemoration of his congratulatory visit to the university.

Saying that it is a great pleasure of the WPK and the people and an auspicious event of the whole country to mark the 60th founding anniversary of the supreme academy of defence science and

technology of the DPRK, which was born with the most sacred and just mission and has added brilliance to its name with the proud feats and academic achievements it made for the country and revolution, he warmly congratulated all the lecturers, researchers, officials and students of the university on behalf of the WPK Central Committee, the government and all the armed forces of the DPRK.

Clarifying the immutable truth that the university of national defence is the most precious strategic asset for the revolutionary Party and people, he referred to the historic significance of the founding of the university which was born 60 years ago as a creation of the steadfast revolutionary will of the WPK to defend to the end the gains of the revolution won at the cost of blood by firmly holding its destiny in its own hands and the crystallization of its firm faith and ideal to provide an eternal guarantee for dignity and prosperity by building up great strength, and to its proud history and remarkable feats.

Analyzing the true colours and unchangeable nature of the imperialist aggressive entity which the DPRK has been confronting and its ever-more frantic provocative acts, he demonstrated the perfectness and validity of the DPRK's logic of building self-defence capability that it should have physical strength capable of always deterring the enemy and keeping the situation under control. He solemnly declared that the WPK and the government of the DPRK would never allow the balance of forces to be disrupted on the Korean peninsula, but bring about a continuous leap forward in defence science and industry and limitlessly bolster up the war deterrent for self-defence.

Underscoring the need to neutralize the imperialists' aggressive and adventurous military activities with absolute superiority of the Juche-oriented defence sci-tech capabilities, he set forth the basic duty the university assumes in accomplishing the important historic mission and just cause of building a new world, in which war, hegemony and injustice are not tolerated, by dint of the Juche-oriented weapons loaded with the might of revolutionary ideology and the spirit of death-defying resistance, and important tasks for fulfilling it.

Expressing the firm will of the Party Central Committee to successfully build the university into the supreme temple where the revolutionary talents and world-famous inventors representing the future of the DPRK's munitions industry and defence science are continually trained and into a prestigious and renowned defence science research centre, so as to guarantee the eternal well-being and prosperity of the country, he expressed belief that all the lecturers, researchers, students and graduates of the university would demonstrate forever the supremacy of the revolutionary industry with the fruition of noble revolutionary spirit and educational development and excellent academic successes and powerful entities, mindful of the expectations of the Party, country and people.

When he finished his speech, the participants responded with cheers of single-hearted loyalty as they looked up to the great teacher who clarified the great strategy of struggle for firmly defending and glorifying forever the ever-victorious prestige and honour of the state gained with the great revolutionary ideology and indomitable spirit and through the costly struggle and guided the defence scientists in the drive to break through the cutting edge for boosting the defence capabilities.

He extended militant greetings to the teaching staff, students and graduates who were filled with the burning enthusiasm to absolutely guarantee the implementation of the Party's national defence policy with death-defying patriotic devotion, steady exertions and remarkable educational and scientific achievements by redoubling the absolute sense of mission they have assumed before the Party, revolution, country and people.

He went round the room for education in the revolutionary history and the room dedicated to the history of the university.

He recalled with deep emotion the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who declared the establishment of the centre for training talents in defence science and technology for the eternal dignity and might of the Korean revolution in the first half of the 1960s when the historic advance for the simultaneous promotion of economic construction and defence buildup, the embodiment of the WPK's idea of defending the country by national efforts, started and who developed it into a national defence university with worldwide prestige and reputation.

Saying that the proud history of the university, which has produced more than 180 DPRK heroes and labour heroes and dozens of winners of the highest orders in the past 60 years, is the epitome of the brilliant feats it performed as it played a core and pivotal role in accomplishing the historic cause of increasing national self-defence capabilities, he noted that the legendary reputation of the university, which has paved the way for the victorious advance of the country with loyalty to the Party and the revolution and great ability, should flutter as a banner in the vanguard of the struggle for securing the greatest military technological capability in the world.

The present world in which the destiny of a country and nation is decided by the national defence capability clearly proves that there is a sure guarantee for the existence of a state and its prosperity in systematically training a large contingent of talented personnel in the field of defence science and technology who have made the validity of their cause and ardent patriotism part of their mental qualities, he said, urging the university to train more revolutionary talents representing the future of the munitions industry and defence science, directly related to the future destiny of the country and revolution, and thus fulfil the important mission it has assumed before the times.

He repeatedly stressed the steadfast will of the Party to develop the university into the best one with the highest ability in the country and the most prestigious research-type one in the world where the integration of education, scientific research and production has been realized on the highest level, and took a benevolent measure to successfully spruce up its educational conditions and environment in a comprehensive way as required by the new era.

He met the meritorious officials, scientists and technicians in the field of national defence industry, who visited their alma mater on the occasion of its diamond jubilee, and had a picture taken with them.

Then he had a photo session with the teaching staff and students of the university greeting its 60th founding anniversary, which will be eternally recorded in the history.

Speech at Congratulatory Visit to Kim Jong Un University of National Defence

Comrades,

This defence university, which was established with the most sacred and righteous mission and has glorified its name with unexcelled merits and proud academic records for the country and the revolution, is greeting its meaningful 60th founding anniversary.

Celebration of this anniversary of the school, an institute for training steadfast and capable personnel in defending the Party and the revolution by force of arms and the highest defence sci-tech institute in our Republic that reliably supports the historic cause of building a prosperous country with a strong army, is a source of great delight for our Party and people and an auspicious event for the whole country.

On behalf of the Party Central Committee, our government and the whole armed forces of the Republic, I extend warm congratulations to all the teachers, researchers, officials and students of the university standing here with the most dignified and proud feeling of building up the defence industry of lasting significance, which represents the strength of our country, Korea, and its ever-victorious glory.

My warm greetings also go to the family members, who are making painstaking efforts to care for the educators in adding to the weight and prestige of this sacred university, and to those who have sent their beloved sons and daughters willingly to the forefront of defending the country and the revolution.

Comrades,

If someone asks our Party and people waging the revolution what is their most valuable strategic asset, they will say that is this defence university, a "pedigree farm" for training defence sci-tech talents.

And if he asks what are the most precious resources that can guarantee the future of a powerful country, they will also say they are the revolutionary talented personnel studying at this university.

The university has proved this iron truth of history with its dignified history and wonderful feats.

As I am standing here on this meaningful day, I am reminded of how epochal and decisive the day of 60 years ago was in achieving the success of our revolutionary cause and carving out the destiny of our state.

The founding of this university was not simply something created by the fateful decade, when confrontation between socialism and imperialism and between revolution and counterrevolution was acute and when the urgency of building self-reliant defences in every country posed itself not in words but by shocking events and as a stark reality.

It was an institute born of the steadfast revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea to take its destiny firmly in its own hands and defend to the last the gains of the revolution achieved at the cost of blood; it was also a crystallization of its firm faith and ideals for setting up a notable landmark in achieving dignity and prosperity by building great strength.

It would not be so hard to imagine how extraordinary and audacious the decision was to found this university amid the then global political landscape and internal and external situations of our country.

If the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had lived to continue to write his reminiscences without stopping it to our painful memory, he would have recollected why this university had to be founded, I believe.

As it was founded from scratch with the spirit of self-respect and self-reliance as its lifeblood, since the first day of its founding the university, with Juche as its lifeline and characteristic feature, has served as a reliable base for implementing the Workers' Party of Korea's line of self-reliant defence and added inexhaustible potential and dynamism to the growth and development of the defence capability of our state.

The Juche orientation and modern character are two attributes and buttresses of our self-reliant national defence, and these can be defended and built up only when it has a base for training its own sci-tech talents.

In fact, from the day of this university's founding our defence industry could set a clear goal and orientation for its development as a Juche-oriented industry that develops and produces our own style of weapons and other combat equipment, and make rapid development as an industry possessed of self-supporting, modern and advanced characters.

Though it made its start literally from scratch–without the foundations of the machine-building industry and an asset of munitions industry–our defence industry laid already in the 1970s its firm production foundations based on modern defence science and technology, and has since supported the Party's cause on the strength of Juche-oriented science and industry. The annals of its great history have been written together with those of the history of this university's development.

This is the very place where large contingents of competent personnel have grown up equipping themselves with the spirit of Juche and up-to-date military science and made tangible contributions to the victorious revolution by satisfactorily raising our country's defence capabilities to the level as high as is required by the revolution at each period and stage of its development. The fine people trained in this campus now constitute the backbone of the revolutionary industry in writing, together with our Party, a new chapter of history of strength the world has never known.

Our own style of weaponry has attained the power which nobody else on this planet could copy, the powerful strength by which the embryo of great historic events is developing. This strength is undoubtedly the might of potentialities of the Juche-oriented science, crystallization of the pride of Korea and the resourcefulness of the Korean people, and of our proud defence scientists who are the incarnation of those qualities.

The university has untiringly injected the two essential attributes of vitality, that is, the Juche orientation and modern character, into the revolutionary industry that shoulders the destiny and future of the Party, the state and the people, and laid solid and stable foundations for our country to rise as a world-class power. Herein lies the historic importance of the founding of the university and the incomparable glory of its 60-year history.

We know there are long-standing institutes around the world boasting their time-honoured traditions of defence science education and training of capable personnel; yet none of them could be a match for this university, a revolutionary institute, which, based in the capital city of the revolution, has maintained its lineage of absolute loyalty to the Party Central Committee and its lines while firmly supporting the revolutionary cause without a slightest vacillation or hesitation for 60 years for its steadfast inheritance and accomplishment.

This honourable history and traditions of the university and the names and exploits of the numerous heroes born of the university are rather little-known, but the imprints of their life are left anywhere in our country, and their soul of national defence is reflected in the hatred-charged powerful weapons that strike terror into the enemy.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to highly appreciate the teachers and researchers of the university for the ennobling careers they have made and the patriotic feats they have performed while living a wartime-like life even in peacetime on their uninterrupted march of service for the country and their fellow people, mindful of the heavy class mission charged by the Party and the revolution to them. Also, I hope from the bottom of my heart that the students will grow as reliable successors to the cornerstone of our Republic.

Comrades,

The defence university does not simply represent the glorious past and present of the revolutionary industry which is a strong buttress of our independent, powerful and self-sustaining country; it also serves as a bulwark of strategic importance for achieving one victory after another in the years to come.

Your campus is a fierce battlefield, not a comfortable place.

The enemy you are facing are die-hard anti-communists, who would not change their hostile consciousness against our Republic until their doomsday. And they are imperialist aggressive forces that boast their highly advanced military science and technology and munitions industry plus their centuries-old belligerency.

It is a matter of course that the more fearfully they become aware of their doomsday coming closer, the more frantic the ringleader of aggression and its lackeys, dependent on anti-communism and war for their existence, will go and rush to war till they collapse with sheer exhaustion.

This is evident when we consider what happened on October 1 last, when the rulers of the Republic of Korea, holding a pompous ceremony to mark what they called the "ROK Army Day," glibly read ignoble and disgraceful lines only to reveal their abnormal way of thinking to the outside world.

The puppet regime, attaching special importance to the inauguration of the "strategic command" which they had pushed ahead with as the "core project of the state administration," claimed that their "latest conventional combat capability has finally merged with the extended deterrent capability of the US."

Obviously they do not have any strategic weapons worth mentioning, but they have made up the "strategic command"–without real worth–by borrowing their master's nukes, and praised it as "core unit" and "great build-up of the defence capabilities." They went so far as to give a long and nice narration of how a latest strategic nuclear submarine of the US entered the ROK for the first time in some 40 years, followed by the landing of a strategic bomber for the first time in history. This is a frank and self-praising admission of the record of their intentional and planned worsening of the regional situation in cooperation with their master.

The "congratulatory speech" is simply a presentation of desperate bluff that comes from their inferiority complex in strength and their morbid consciousness of persecution by our state. In a nutshell, it reveals only their absurd intention to maintain at any cost the balance of strength with us by relying on the ROK-US alliance that has mutated into a nuke-based military bloc.

I am saying this as you need to have a clear understanding of

our enemy.

In delivering the "congratulatory speech" Yoon Suk Yeol intentionally made mean and vulgar remarks about ending the government of our Republic. This indicates that he is totally gripped by a blind belief in his master's "might."

As you have learned through newspapers and broadcasts, some days ago I made clear my view of and stand towards this matter.

A wise statesman would not act so rashly as to endanger the security of his country and its population; in dealing with a nuclear-armed rival, rather than opt for a confrontation or face-off with it, he would put emphasis on, and concern himself about, how to handle the situation and avoid military conflict.

It is because this option is absolutely right and helpful to ensure the security of his country.

Doing so is just what a veteran statesman would choose to do, an expression of his political proficiency and finesse.

Then what did the man say in Seoul?

Speaking on the doorstep of a nuclear-armed state, he clamoured about responding with overwhelming military strength. How would this be commented on by the audiences the world over?

Would he be praised for having been born with rare courage? Or would he be described as a patriotic commander or the like?

Even if there appeared a matchless commander unheard-of in the time-honoured history, he would not be able to come up with a realistic method of overcoming the distinctions between the capabilities of nukes and conventional weapons.

This is the very reason that I called him one who is most likely to be considered a man lacking something.

For the Republic of Korea, all that it needs to do in order to guarantee its security is not provoking us into using our military strength.

This is so simple a method.

It would find itself safe if it refrained from provoking us or flexing its muscles before us at times, but it seems that Seoul has no one capable of doing such a simple thing.

To be honest, we have no intention of attacking the Republic of Korea.

Thinking of it is abominable, and we hate dealing with those in it.

Formerly, we often spoke about liberating the south and reunification by force of arms, but now we are not interested in it. And since our statement about two separate states, we have been all the more unwilling to be conscious of the state in the south.

However, the point is that the latter provokes us now and then.

We must keep close watch on the recent developments around our country.

Deeply engrossed in their preposterous schemes to "contain" the non-existent threat against them, the US imperialists and their puppets have converted the ROK-US alliance into a nuclear-based one, and they are growing frantic in their arms build-up. Their desperate clamour for war and provocations threaten to disrupt the balance of strength on the Korean peninsula at any moment.

Their expansion of armaments and military actions are justifiable and self-defensive, whereas our responses are threats and provocations–this is the US imperialists' and their stooges' way of thinking, an illogical and perverted approach that is tantamount to that of the thief crying "Stop thief!"

In other words, it is a robber's logic, namely the problem is not what is being done, but who is doing it.

We do not recognize it, and such far-fetched sophism of the enemy can never check our strength from growing.

The disturbed balance of strategic strength on the Korean peninsula precisely means the outbreak of war.

Therefore, the logic on the self-reliant defence building, the logic that we should possess physical strength with which to always contain the enemy and control the situation is absolutely open and above board.

Our progress towards a military superpower, a nuclear power, will grow faster.

Now that the ROK-US military alliance has completely changed into a nuclear alliance as the puppets advertise themselves, the preparedness of our state for nuclear counteractions should be further perfected on the high level defying limits.

By the way, I would like to mention that on October 4 a spokesman for the UN secretary general asked us to lower the rhetoric.

I am not sure that such a request was also conveyed to Seoul, but I would take this opportunity to stress once again that the international community should have a proper understanding of my remarks.

I have clearly and consistently put a precondition of the word "if" whenever I clarified our stand on the use of military strength.

Under the precondition of "if," our Constitution will issue a strict order to our armed forces.

If the enemy attempt to have recourse to arms against our state, the armed forces of our Republic will use all the strike capabilities without hesitation.

They will not rule out the use of nuclear weapons.

I stress once again: Pinning hopes for survival in such a situation is useless and no fortune or alleged guardianship of God can protect the ROK.

This is not an issue related to rhetoric as mentioned by the UN, but it is exactly a warning of action.

Confronting us are the largest nuclear power in the world and the most vicious of its puppets attempting to fool with its nukes.

Under such circumstances our view, option and resolve can never be changed.

The enemy should refrain from acting rashly.

They should never slight our warning that if they misunderstand it as something like their worn-out, half-baked bluff, they would pay more dearly for it.

The absolute strength we have possessed at present is discharging in a responsible manner the mission of deterring a war and defending peace.

No forces will dare opt for the use of military strength against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a military conflict.

However, the more desperately the enemy try to hold supremacy by dint of the "nuclear alliance" and reverse the strategic situation, the more steadily we should make a leap forward in defence science and industry and the more firmly we should consolidate our war deterrent for self-defence.

Our Party and the government of our Republic will never tolerate the balance of strength being disturbed on the Korean peninsula.

We should neutralize the imperialists' adventurist military acts of aggressive nature by dint of the absolute superiority of the strength of the Juche-oriented defence science and technology.

Nothing will overwhelm the strength of the Juche-type weapons loaded with the might of the revolutionary ideas and the do-or-die resistance spirit, and we, based on this strength, should create a new world, in which war, hegemony and injustice shall not be allowed.

This defence university should continue to make responsible and devoted efforts until we accomplish this important mission and righteous cause entrusted to us by the times and history.

The basic task facing the university is to train in larger numbers pillars who would further consolidate and glorify the position of our Republic as a world-class military superpower, competent talents who are possessed of the Juche-oriented ideology and theory on defence science, a wealth of specialist knowledge and practical abilities, and the key to this end is to radically improve the level of its education.

To improve the level of its education is the absolute demand of our Party and revolution, and the university should take the lead in implementing the Party's policy on bringing about a radical turn in education.

True to the essence of our Party's defence policy on guaranteeing the security of the country and people by our own efforts and in accordance with the characteristics of education in defence science and technology and the global trend of the development of military hardware, the university should formulate its educational programme correctly, reorganize the overall structure of its education and make positive efforts to study and apply advanced teaching methods with the main stress on putting the contents of education on a scientific, practical, comprehensive and modern footing, thus increasing the ranks of talents capable of confidently leading the steady advance and development of our defence industry.

It should thoroughly establish the Juche orientation in the education of defence science and technology so as to play a decisive role in rooting out dogmatic, stereotyped and imitative practices that remain in the defence industry, and pay special attention to intensifying basic science education as suited to its characteristics.

In order for the university to keep up its appearance as befits its position and weight, it should, above all else, improve the quality of the ranks of its teachers and ensure that all of them possess high intellect combined with the qualifications of educators.

With a clear view and stand that improved qualifications are inconceivable separate from scientific research, the teachers and researchers should be proactive in participating in developing cutting-edge military hardware urgently needed in strengthening the country's defence capabilities and perfecting the combat preparedness of the People's Army, as well as in projects to push back the frontiers of defence science and technology. In this way, they can prepare themselves to be talented educationists, who possess as their essential qualifications rich experience in education and latest science and technology so as to create a climate of talented persons training students to be more talented ones.

The university Party committee should make strenuous efforts to establish more firmly the unified leadership system of the Party and a climate of strictly observing order, keeping secrets and maintaining moral discipline in the campus and lay firm material foundations of the university. In this way, it can constantly improve the working and living conditions for the teachers, researchers and students, who are invaluable for our Party.

The Party and the state should give active support to the defence university in its work and throw their weight behind it.

Relevant departments of the Party Central Committee should pay close attention to the university's work and give proper Party-oriented guidance to the university. Other relevant sectors and units should take measures for solving on a priority basis the problems arising in the management and operation of the university.

It is the determination of the Party Central Committee to radically transform the appearance and educational environment of the university with the goal of turning it into one of the most prestigious universities in the world at an earlier date.

The university should be furnished with the latest educational apparatuses and equipment and IT means so that other universities dare not compare themselves with it in terms of the level of modernization.

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The validity and superiority of our Party's defence policy and the Korean-style education policy and our state's scientific and technological force and its level of remarkable development should be represented by the prestige and reputation of this university, and the honour of renowned red scientists creating new things from nothing if they are needed for our revolution should belong to its graduates.

Defence university students who will carry through the revolution following our Party,

All of you, wearing the military uniform of the revolution in your precious university days and spending these days filled with a sense of uncommon mission and patriotic enthusiasm, should keep in mind that your academic records reflect your revolutionary faith, patriotism and loyalty and be ardent in studying and earnest in thinking, thus preparing yourselves to be pillars who will shoulder the future of the Juche-oriented defence science and munitions industry.

You should always bear in mind that as students of the defence university, you should be called exemplary young students of Korea, who cherish loyalty to your country and revolution as your lifeblood, are well-versed in the latest scientific and technological advances in your major fields, and are possessed of creative abilities.

To develop the defence university into the highest institute responsible for producing without interruption talented revolutionary personnel and world-renowned inventors that are representative of the future of our munitions industry and defence science, and into an authoritative and prestigious defence science research centre, in order to ensure the eternal security and prosperity of our country–this is the Party Central Committee's firm determination and will.

Fully convinced that all the teachers, researchers, students and graduates of the university, mindful of the expectations of their Party, country and fellow people, will continue to demonstrate the excellence of the revolutionary industry by displaying their ennobling revolutionary spirit, achieving substantial progress in education, making high academic achievements and developing powerful weapons, I once again extend warm congratulations and offer my heartfelt tribute to our Party's faithful revolutionary soldiers and true patriots on the occasion of their holiday.

Kim Jong Un Inspects Training Base of Special Operation Units of KPA in Western Area

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected the training base of the special operation units of the Korean People's Army in the western area on October 2 to learn about the drills of combatants.

He was accompanied by Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, Kim Yong Bok, deputy chief of the KPA General Staff, and Ri Chang Ho, deputy chief of the General Staff and director of the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the KPA.

He was greeted by commanding officers of the special operation units at the training base.

At the training base, combatants of several special operation brigades are undergoing intensive training according to the combat and political training programme.

That day there took place various drills of the units at the base.

The drills were aimed at judging the combat readiness of the combatants and perfectly preparing them spiritually, physically, tactically and technically so that they can reliably and successfully carry out their special operation tasks under any combat situation.

The core leading units, which have developed as the pivotal force of the armed forces of the DPRK absolutely and firmly defending the sovereignty of the country and the happiness of its people, fully demonstrated through the drills their might and mettle as elite combat units both in name and in reality, displaying the soaring

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spirit and firm will to attain their combat goals by occupying the enemy's headquarters at a stroke once a mission is given in case of contingency.

Watching with satisfaction the combatants perfectly versed in different combat situations, Kim Jong Un highly praised all the combatants for having firmly prepared themselves politically, ideologically, militarily, technically and physically, bearing in mind the honourable mission of defending the country and people.

Watching the drills pulsating with the fighting spirit and heroic stamina of the combatants to win only victory in combat and annihilate the enemy without fail, he said that the country really gets stronger as there are such brave and proud soldiers, who have grown up to be a-match-for-a-hundred and all-powerful fighters capable of fighting any type of war anytime with confidence, and spoke highly of their patriotic enthusiasm and militant bravery.

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He said: As I mentioned before, it is necessary to hold fast to the policy of making a radical improvement in training, ideology and equipment and apply it in the building of the special operation forces and thus prepare them more perfectly so that they can take their place as the main force of war and play a decisive role in winning victory in the war. These units should steadily study and apply a new methodology of Korean style in training, make the combatants master it and thus create an absolute standard incomparable with that of any army.

That day he told the commanding officers about a ceremony held by the enemy in Seoul on October 1, called the "ROK Army Day."

He said:

The puppet Yoon Suk Yeol, obsessed with anti-DPRK intent, read a congratulatory speech running through with his will for counteraction out of his consciousness of persecution by our Republic. This is a reflection of the security uneasiness and restless psychology of the puppet forces. Through careless words, he made a bluff of a "resolute and overwhelming response by the ROK-US alliance" and the "end of regime," clamouring about the character of the ROK-US alliance based on nukes, and fully betrayed the bellicose temerity. This means that they themselves acknowledged that they are the forces destroying regional security and peace. The world would not but laugh at such poor rhetoric and showy action.

The puppet Yoon bragged about overwhelming counteraction of their military muscle at the doorstep of a state possessing nuclear

weapons, and it was a great irony that caused misgivings about whether he is an abnormal man.

The enemy's threatening rhetoric, actions, tricks and attempts have failed to check the growth of our powerful military strength and will never deprive us of our nuclear weapons. We have secured an irreversibly absolute strength as a nuclear power and the system and functions for using it by overcoming the challenges for a long time.

"If" the enemy, seized with extreme foolishness and recklessness, make a step forward and attempt to use their armed forces to encroach upon the sovereignty of our Republic, full of excessive "confidence" in the ROK-US alliance, in disregard of our repeated warnings, the DPRK will use without hesitation all the striking forces in its possession, including nuclear weapons.

To pray for a good luck of survival in a military conflict with the nuclear weapons state would be a foolish thing that should not be done. If such situation is created, the permanent existence of Seoul and the Republic of Korea would be impossible.

This is not a rhetorical threat, but a realistic prediction of the physical destructive power, which the world people cannot but admit.

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The hard-line and thoroughgoing stand and policies against the enemy, clarified by Kim Jong Un, redoubled the great confidence, courage and pluck of the commanding officers and all other service personnel.

Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the officers and men, who participated in the drills, highly praising their ideological and mental world and their will to defend the country.

All the combatants broke into cheers of hurrah as a reflection of their pledge of loyalty to the great brilliant commander, who came to their training base, gave them meticulous guidance and bestowed loving care and trust on them repeatedly, and made a firm determination to firmly prepare themselves as brave combatants capable of carrying out any combat mission most thoroughly and perfectly at any time by continuing to strive for bolstering up the limitless capabilities for fighting war and perfecting combat preparations as desired by him, mindful of the consciousness that they are the point men in defending the national sovereignty and interests.

Noting that we should continue to cultivate our strength and bear in mind again that the strength in our possession is the only guarantee for keeping the enemy under control and defending ourselves, he said that the KPA should firmly defend the Party, revolution, country and people by dint of its powerful military muscle, remaining loyal to its sacred mission.

Kim Jong Un Oversees Live Artillery Firing Drill of Graduates of O Jin U Artillery Academy

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw a live artillery firing drill of the 75th-term graduates of O Jin U Artillery Academy on the eve of their appointment as active commanding officers of the core arm of the Korean People's Army.

Kim Jong Un was greeted at the firing range by commanding officers of the academy.

Inspecting the academy, a "pedigree" establishment for training hard-core of the artillery force of the DPRK, early in September, he had clearly indicated the important guidelines for training all its undergraduates, who will shoulder the future of the Juche-based artillery forces, into all-round, a-match-for-a-hundred artillerymen and artillery talents possessed of full combat command capability. Then he had made a promise to make time to oversee a live firing by its graduates.

At the observation post, Kim Jong Un was briefed of the plan for artillery firing and the decision of the rector of the academy according to the simulated battle conditions.

The cadets of the academy quickly judged the firing data and launched the firing all together.

Shells, charged with the high spirit of the cadets to annihilate the enemy and safeguard the territory of the country with merciless and fierce shellfire, hit the targets one after another.

Watching the cadets' skilled handling of artillery pieces and good marksmanship with satisfaction, Kim Jong Un said that he could see that the academy had attached importance to the military theoretical education and the training for real war, and expressed great satisfaction over the live firing results.

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He stressed the need to make the cadets continue to strive to attain new goals by further raising the standards of judgment in accuracy and concentration in the future live firing.

The live firing results shown by cadets of the academy today are a demonstration of the validity and vitality of the Party's policy on military education and on bringing about a radical turn in training and a proud level reached by the field of artillery education, he said, calling on the academy to fully meet the requirements of the Party's policy on hitting the targets without test firing and improve the quality of artillery education with the main stress put on constantly teaching the guerrilla war tactics to wipe out the enemies through rapid mobile and surprise operations in conformity with the actual conditions in the operational areas.

Saying that to raise the standards of overall sci-tech knowledge and practical qualifications of the artillery officers and men is a more urgent and pressing task, he set forth the goals to be attained by the artillery education sector in the future.

He said that the graduates' records are a voucher to their ability of military studies and a guarantee for the security of the country and the people. He stressed that the graduates from the academy should ensure the steady progress of the artillery forces with their high political consciousness of being commanding officers in charge of the core arm of our army, operational and tactical insight and excellent marksmanship.

After watching the live artillery firing drill, he went to the firing position and warmly congratulated the reliable reserve commanding officers who demonstrated the honour of the academy with marksmanship of never missing targets.

Expressing belief and confidence that the graduates of the academy would become an engine for making the artillery positions of the entire army the solid support points for hastening the war victory and always remain faithful to the honourable duty of the KPA commanding officers with absolute loyalty to the Party and revolution, the country and the people and the spirit of devoted service, he had a photo session with them.

Kim Jong Un Convenes Consultative Meeting on National Defence and Security

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, convened a consultative meeting on national defence and security on October 14.

The meeting was attended by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, Ri Chang Ho, deputy chief of the General Staff and director of the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the KPA, Ri Chang Dae, minister of State Security, and commanding officers of the Artillery Bureau, Detection and Electronic Warfare Bureau and other major bureaus of the KPA General Staff.

The meeting heard a report of the director of the General Reconnaissance Bureau on the general analysis of the serious incident of the enemy's provocation of violating the sovereignty of the DPRK, a report of the chief of the KPA General Staff on the military counteraction plan, a report of the minister of National Defence on the measures for modernizing military technical equipment, a report of the WPK secretary in charge of the munitions industry on the production of weapons and equipment, and a report of the minister of State Security on the situation of intelligence operation.

Kim Jong Un made assessments and conclusions on the information and suggested measures specified in the reports of different defence and security organs.

After hearing a report on the relevant work done by the General Staff and the major combined units' combat readiness, he set forth the direction of immediate military activities and indicated important tasks to be tackled in the operation of the war deterrent and the exercise of the right to self-defence for safeguarding the national sovereignty, security and interests.

He expressed a tough political and military stand of the WPK and the DPRK government at the consultative meeting.

Kim Jong Un Inspects 2nd Corps Headquarters of KPA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected the headquarters of the 2nd Corps of the Korean People's Army on October 17.

Accompanying him were Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the WPK Central Committee and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, and No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK.

He was greeted on the spot by Ri Yong Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff, and the commander and other commanding officers of the large combined unit.

The moment he arrived at the headquarters, all the officers and men raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" looking up to the great iron-willed commander who has ushered in a great period of upswing in developing the revolutionary armed forces with his outstanding military strategy and ideas and unexcelled art of command and is strengthening ours into an ever-victorious and invincible revolutionary army.

Kim Jong Un sent warm greetings of encouragement to the officers and men of the large combined unit, who are reliably defending the territory of the state, always maintaining full combat readiness on high alert at the forefront near the border.

There was a ceremony of receiving the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the DPRK.

Together with the officials accompanying him, Kim Jong Un looked round the room dedicated to the unit's history shining with the great feats performed in defending the country and the people.

He recalled with deep emotion the undying commanding feats of our Party recorded on the sacred, praiseworthy and glorious course of development of the unit.

Noting that the unit, organized during the hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War, produced more than 100 heroes of the DPRK, including a twice hero of the DPRK, by displaying matchless bravery during the battles behind the enemy lines and the active positional defence, and has maintained its reputation as the birthplace of the slogan "A match for a hundred" from one decade to the next and from one century to the next, he said its history is the praiseworthy epitome of the brilliant military achievements and innumerable feats of the People's Army which is reliably supporting on the strength of arms the great cause of building a rich country with a strong army.

Saying that a sure guarantee for victory in combat and war lies in overpowering the enemy ideologically and spiritually, he stressed that when the unshakeable Juche-oriented viewpoint and stand on the enemy and war is established and maintained, our army will always demonstrate its might as the most invincible one in the world.

Guided by the commander of the corps, he went to its command post.

After being briefed on the enemy situation by the commander, he acquainted himself with the combat readiness of the brigades under the corps, which have switched over to a combat readiness footing.

Meeting the major commanding officers of the corps, he went over important documents that reflect the unit's military action plans for coping with different types of developments, and said:

The serious security circumstances around us urgently demand that our army continue to concentrate all its efforts on bolstering up the war-fighting capability and take more perfect military measures for reliably defending the security of the country through constant overwhelming combat readiness.

The impact of the changed nature of the ROK-US alliance and of the enemy's more developed different military manoeuvring of aggressive nature on our state's security highlights more clearly the importance of strengthening the country's nuclear deterrent and proves the validity of its efforts.

After going over the documents, he said that the corps worked out proper military action plans to cope with different possible circumstances. And he approved the determination of the corps. Then he said:

Our army should keep in mind once again the stark fact that the ROK is a foreign and indisputable enemy state. We completely blocked the roads and railways linked to the territory of the ROK two days ago through blasting. It means not only the physical closure but also the end of the undesirable relationship with Seoul, which persistently lasted century after century, and the complete removal of the useless awareness about fellow countrymen and unrealistic idea of reunification. It also means the last declaration that when our sovereignty is violated by the ROK, a complete enemy state, our physical forces will be used unhesitatingly without being tied to the conditions any longer. As we have already declared, if our offensive forces are used under the precondition of "if," it will be a lawful retaliatory action against the enemy state, not the fellow countrymen.

Only the peace defended with the strength powerful enough to control and deter the enemy is a reliable, safe, lasting one, and herein lies a sure guarantee for the well-being and future of our state and people.

Then he reaffirmed that our army must grow more powerful and will become powerful without fail for such genuine peace.

That day, he had a photo session with the officers and men of the headquarters of the unit.

When he came to the venue of the photo session, the officers and men broke into enthusiastic cheers with great gratitude to the invincible and iron-willed commander who taught them ever-victorious tactics and instilled matchless bravery and confidence in them and is leading our army along the road of victory.

Kim Jong Un expressed the expectation and belief that all the officers and men of the large combined unit will reliably defend the southern border of the country by always remaining true to their mission and duty as honourable defenders and soldiers on the outposts for defending the sovereignty of the country and the safety of the people.

The shout of "Death-defying defence" let out by the soldiers looking up to him resounded far and wide in the sky of October.

All the officers and men pledged to fight death-defyingly for the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great country, the great Party and the great people. They were full of militant zeal for always decorating the glorious colours shining with the praiseworthy history of their unit with victorious feats.

Kim Jong Un Inspects Strategic Missile Bases

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected strategic missile bases.

He was accompanied by Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

He examined the readiness for action of the strategic deterrent directly related with the security of the country, including the functions and capabilities of the elements of launch-related facilities in the missile bases and the combat duty of strategic missiles.

He appreciated the services of the missile soldiers in the strategic missile bases for fulfilling the sacred duty they have assumed before the country and the people, keeping themselves always on alert on combat duty as required by the prevailing situation.

Noting that the strategic missile force is the core force playing a pivotal role in the country's war deterrent, he stressed that it is an important principle of the defence building strategy consistently maintained by the WPK to make the overall armed forces technically modernized by giving priority to the strategic missile force in the future, too.

As I have stressed on several occasions recently, the US strategic nuclear means pose an ever-increasing threat to the security environment of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the long-term threats urgently demand that the DPRK bolster up its war deterrent more definitely and take a thoroughgoing and strict counteraction posture of its nuclear forces, he said.

He stressed the need to further modernize and fortify the strategic missile bases and ensure that all of them make every effort to maintain a thoroughgoing counteraction posture so as to promptly deal a strategic counterblow to the enemy at any time and in different circumstances.

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Kim Jong Un Guides Campaign for Repairing Flood Damage in North Phyongan Province

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance over the rehabilitation projects in the flood-hit areas in North Phyongan Province on September 29.

Looking at an artist's impression of the residential quarters to be newly built, he learned in detail about the progress made in the construction.

Repeatedly stressing that it is the most urgent task facing the Party and the government at present to alleviate the pain of the flood victims as early as possible and restore the production and living order in the flood-hit areas to the normal level, he said that all the builders should complete the housing construction on the highest level in the shortest time by directing redoubled efforts and sincerity to providing the people in the flood-hit areas with houses for happy living.

He requested over and over that primary efforts be always directed to thoroughly ensuring the quality of structures as the rehabilitation of the flood-hit areas is not merely a matter of eradicating the aftereffect of natural disaster but an important process of implementing the Party's far-reaching programme for regional development.

Every structure representing the era of changes reflects our ideology, policy and aesthetic view and therefore construction is a visual expression of politics, he said. He stressed the need for all the builders to fulfil the requirements of designs and construction methods and wage a fierce struggle in time against a slightest practice of neglecting quality control without conniving at it, by bearing in mind that ensuring quality precisely means the correct implementation of the Party's policies and an important political issue of keeping the people's trust in the Party.

He went round a construction site of dwelling houses together with the cadres accompanying him.

Watching builders at work, he expressed thanks to the spiritual world and devotion of them who are boundlessly loyal to their country and fellow people.

Describing the soldier-builders and members of the youth shock brigade who volunteered for the flood-hit areas as the vanguard fighters who have taken the lead in the honourable struggle for the great people whom the Party upholds as Heaven, he stressed the need for officials to always pay deep attention to ensuring their living conditions and said that the Party would take an important measure for this.

Learning about an embankment project in the island areas, he indicated the ways for building permanent embankments.

Noting that the ongoing campaign for repairing flood damage is another political process that occupies an important place in raising to a higher level the stage of development of rural civilization set forth in the Party's programme for the rural revolution, he called for powerfully conducting political information and motivation work for instilling into the minds of all the builders as an element of faith the self-respect and honour of the state and the consciousness of performers who directly carry on the sacred struggle for the well-being of regional people.

He clarified important guidelines related to the rehabilitation, including the issue of preferentially supplying materials and equipment needed for the projects in time by meticulously organizing transport, the issue of speeding up framework building to the maximum and raising the quality level by directing more time to the final process of construction and the issue of improving the surrounding environment and carrying out afforestation properly in ornamental and practical aspects, given that civilized and modern residential quarters would be built.

He expressed expectation and belief that the soldier-builders and members of the youth shock brigade would perform brilliant feats in the theatre of honourable struggle for providing the people in the flood-hit areas with the base of a stable and cultured life at an early date with the consciousness and firm confidence that they are the creators of the new era and pioneers who shoulder the gigantic cause of comprehensive national development.

Kim Jong Un Inspects Regional-industry Factories under Construction in North Phyongan Province

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the regional-industry factories under construction in North Phyongan Province and guided the construction project.

He was greeted on the spot by the commanding officers of the Korean People's Army units engaged in the construction project.

The officers and men, involved in the construction of regional-industry factories in the province, are pushing ahead with the construction project at the final stage after setting it as a primary requirement to ensure quality in construction, true to the important task Kim Jong Un advanced while giving field guidance at regional-industry factories under construction in different areas.

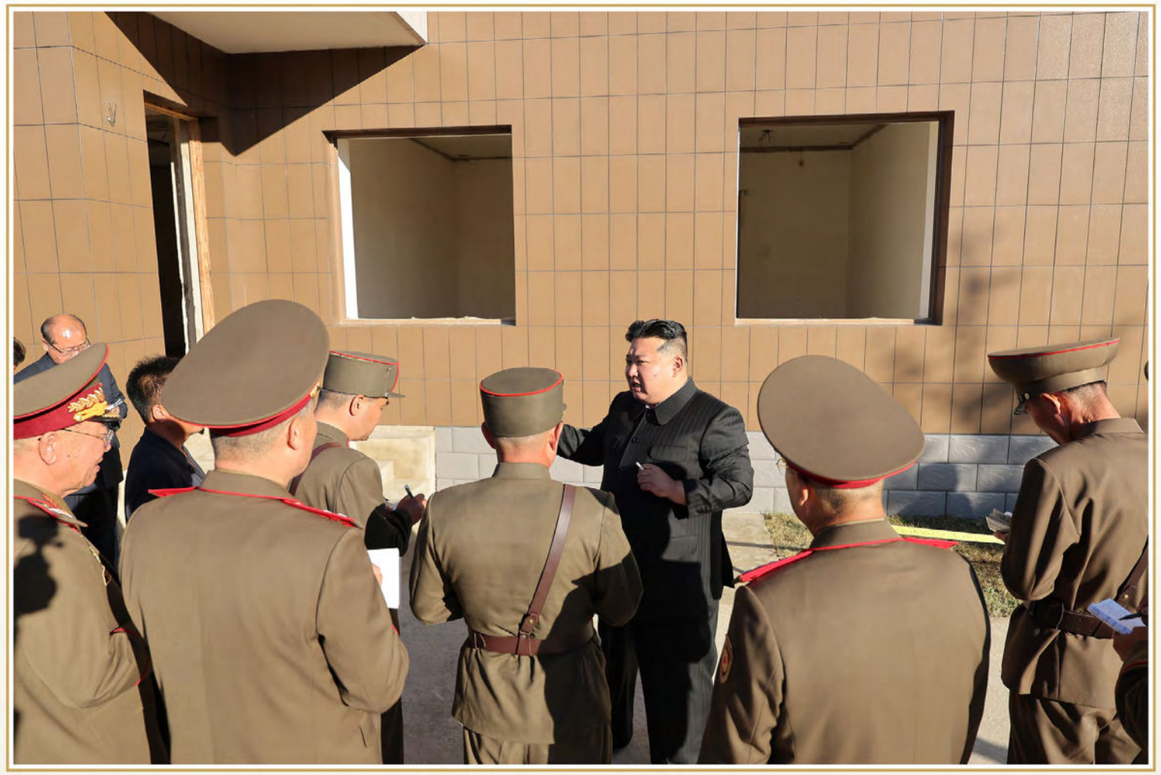
Going round the construction sites, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about the construction work.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that soldier-builders have ensured high quality in construction as required by modernization and standardization, he noted with high appreciation that they did construction well. Fully reflected in each building are our army's spirit and stand of devotedly implementing the Party's policies, and this is an expression of patriotism, loyalty to the Party and the revolution and love for hometown, he added.

To establish a correct ideological viewpoint is important in construction, too, and there is nothing impossible to do when people are stimulated ideologically, he said, noting that the service personnel have grown up, through the construction process, to be pioneers of the times and masters of creation who know the true meaning of patriotism and uphold the country and people with pure conscience and practice. This is a precious success that is incomparable to anything, he added.

It is hard to find here such defects as those revealed in the construction of regional-industry factories in some cities and counties, he said, stating that they have made fresh progress in improving quality by actively applying the excellent Korean-style building methods created in practice. He called on the construction regiments dispatched to cities and counties to learn from the experience gained in the construction of regional-industry factories in the province.

He said it is worthy of praise that the KPA has built up the force of commanding officers of construction units at all levels, promptly solved the problems arising in the construction and powerfully pushed ahead with the construction project, mindful of the noble intention of the Party Central Committee which set forth the construction of regional-industry factories as an important task for hastening the regional development.



A new change is now being made in the view of officials and builders on construction and the traits of giving priority to quality are prevailing over the whole area of construction, he noted, saying it is an affirmative trend guaranteeing the development of our architecture.

As is always emphasized, architectural structures reflect our ideology, policy and aesthetic view and the indications of the times and, accordingly, architecture is an extension and epitome of politics, he said, adding that even if we erect a single structure, we should build it wonderfully and perfectly as a symbol of the era that we can show to our younger generations with a clear conscience, on the honour of our times and our generation.

He instructed in detail such important and principled orientations and ways for expanding the regional construction as the issue of designing advanced public health facilities, facilities for science, education, life and cultural activities and grain management facilities in a rational and practical way suited to the use of relevant buildings, the issue of thoroughly ensuring the practical utility and modernity in design of industrial buildings and the issue of building up the force of skilled workers.

He expressed belief that the soldier-builders dispatched to the province would as ever uphold the implementation of the Party's Regional Development 20×10 Policy with signal successes in construction and play the role of pacesetters in the vanguard of the 10-year revolution for the regional rejuvenation.

Kim Jong Un Visits Construction Site for Recovery in Flood-hit Areas in Jagang Province

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the construction site for rehabilitating the flood-hit areas in Jagang Province on October 21.

He went round the reconstruction site and learned in detail about the progress of housing construction.

He acknowledged the painstaking efforts of the builders and gave warm encouragement to them, who are devoting their pure conscience and sincere efforts at the difficult and challenging posts true to the call of the Party, fully displaying the spirit of devoted service for the people, extraordinary sense of responsibility and strong executive ability.

Expressing satisfaction over the fact that the flood-hit areas, reduced to ruin in an instant by an unexpected natural disaster, are undergoing a radical change without any sign of disaster, he spoke highly of the precious feats of the combatants of the regiments of Party members who are faithfully discharging their noble mission and duty as members of the Workers' Party at the rehabilitation project site for the flood victims, far away from their dear homes and workplaces.

He called for working hard to bring earlier the happy moment of providing good houses to the flood victims who are waiting for the day of living in new villages and new houses even at this moment.

He referred to a series of deviations revealed in the design and construction of multi- and low-storey houses in the flood-hit areas, and analyzed their

reasons. And he clarified the measures to be taken by the state in the future for overcoming the relevant deviations in the recovery work and, furthermore, for launching a vigorous struggle for the overall regional construction. He continued:

I have already stressed on many occasions that architecture is an extension of politics as it is a criterion showing the height of the ideas, national strength and civilization in a visual way, and, therefore, even if we have to build one structure, we should regard it as the one related with the self-respect, dignity and honour of our times. Still some deviations to underrating the quality of buildings are being revealed. They must be rectified.

Just like monumental edifices springing up in different parts of the country, the houses under construction for the flood victims are precious assets of the state and the people, which should be guaranteed forever. Therefore, it is necessary to overcome even the slightest shortcomings perfectly and direct greater efforts to ensuring perfection. A decision will be made to prolong the period of completion of the housing projects in the affected areas, scheduled to be finished by early November, to early December.

He gave detailed instructions on taking practical measures to ensure that the inhabitants and schoolchildren of the flood-hit areas staying in Pyongyang would not feel inconvenience in their living, as the housing construction would be delayed.

Noting that a large number of houses for the flood victims are being built all at once in every flood-hit area of the country thanks to the heroic struggle of the Party members, young people and service personnel and to the support of all the people across the country, he said this gigantic undertaking is not confined to the practical issue of building houses but a crucial political issue of defending the character of our-style socialist system based on the people-first principle and demonstrating its advantages. And calling on all the builders to give fuller play to their extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable will so as to successfully wind up the housing construction and provide houses to the flood victims with delight, he set forth the tasks arising in completing the project.

He stressed that it is important for the construction inspection organs to make exacting demands and increase their role.

He also gave detailed instructions on such important tasks as ensuring timely and responsible transport and supply of materials without interrupting the project schedule, properly greening the residential areas along with the housing construction and taking good care of the builders in their living conditions.

Expressing expectation and belief that the Party members, young people and service personnel, whom the Party Central Committee had dispatched to the difficult and arduous yet sacred and worthwhile struggle with great trust, would remain faithful to their heavy mission to the end in the patriotic construction sites for the country and the people, he ardently called for making redoubled efforts once again to build a splendid paradise for the people in the flood-hit areas without fail.

Kim Jong Un Meets Players and Coaches Who Won 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met the players and coaches who won the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup at the headquarters of the WPK Central Committee on September 30.

Present there were Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports, and Sin Yong Chol, secretary of the DPRK Football Association.

Entering the yard of the Party Central Committee with the proud winners' trophy and gold medals, the players and coaches were filled with boundless reverence and gratitude for the benevolent father, who gave them matchless strength and courage to make sure that they always run with confidence in sure victory in the fierce matches for glorifying the honour of their motherland, and bestowed warm blessings and great favours, giving credit to them for all the successes.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared, the players and coaches broke into cheers of "Hurrah!" in tears of great emotion and rushed to him, whom they wanted to see so much.

The fatherly Marshal gladly received the proud daughters of the country, and congratulated them on creating another legendary tale about the DPRK's women football by beating their strong rivals of Austria, Brazil, the US, Japan and other countries, scoring 25 amazing goals in seven matches from the group league matches to the finals of the World Cup.

In particular, he highly praised Choe Il Son who had won the Golden Ball award for the most valuable player and Golden Boot award for the top scorer in the championships, and senior coach Ri Song Ho who had led the team to victory after victory.

He said that the proud victory won by our girl footballers, bearing in mind the expectations of the country and the people, serves as an encouraging event and patriotic deed that added optimism and joy to the whole country.

Sports is very meaningful in promoting the progress and advantages of the nation, he said, adding that every precious success made by the DPRK's sportspersons in international games is further uniting the people and dynamically arousing them to the vigorous struggle with characteristic appeal and influence.

He warmly wished that the players, who displayed the bright prospect of the DPRK's women football, would firmly hold the Asian and world championship titles and further consolidate their position.

In congratulation of them, he had a picture taken with them, who had the glory and fortune of having given a great joy and optimism to all the people across the country.

Unable to repress their deep emotion at the great love and trust shown by the fatherly Marshal, the players and coaches made a firm determination to bring more gold medals and brilliant gold trophies of patriotism to the glorious DPRK, their motherland.

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79th Anniversary of WPK Celebrated in DPRK

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students lay floral baskets at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Gala evening of youth and students and firework display are held.

Members of the central leadership body of the Workers' Party of Korea visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun.

Members of the Party central leadership body visit the Revolutionary Site for Party Founding.

Fifth National Sculpture and Craftwork Festival is held.

All the people across the Democratic People's Republic of Korea significantly celebrated the 79th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The October holiday was filled with their boundless trust in and invariable loyalty to the WPK, which, since its founding, has vigorously led the revolutionary cause of Juche with its outstanding ideology and invincible leadership ability, carrying forward the sacred original ideals and spirit in their pure forms and recording the longest rule in the history of socialism.

A constant stream of the visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, founder and builders of the WPK, are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

Officials, working people, service personnel and youth and students visited the statues of the great leaders and mosaic mural paintings of their beaming images on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang

Performance of the Mansudae Art Troupe is given at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre.

National Acrobatic Troupe gives a combined acrobatic performance at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre.

Men's volleyball game of the DPRK Championships takes place between the Kigwancha and Sobaeksu teams.

and in other places across the country to pay floral tribute.

At the Monument to Party Founding visitors cherished more deeply the undying exploits of the peerlessly great persons who had developed the WPK into a powerful guiding force that advances the socialist cause of Juche along the road of victory, the motherly Party that takes care of the people's destiny with a high sense of responsibility.

National flag-hoisting ceremonies took place across the country.

Visitors to the Fifth National Sculpture and Craftwork Festival held at the Pyongyang International House of Culture to celebrate the 79th founding anniversary of the WPK looked round sculptures and craftworks reflecting the best wishes of the people to the great motherly Party.

Celebratory meetings and oratorical meetings were held by working people's organizations in South Phyongan, Jagang and North Hamgyong provinces, the city of Kaesong and other parts of the country.

Colourful artistic performances were given in Pyongyang and other parts of the country to celebrate the October holiday.

Dance parties of young people and members of the women's union held across the country revved up the festive atmosphere.

The Central Zoo, Natural History Museum, Munsu Water Park and other cultural and leisure centres were filled with happy laughter of the people.

Eleventh Session of 14th SPA of DPRK Held

The 11th Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on October 7 and 8.

As the session was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The session brought up the following agenda items for discussion:

First, on amending and supplementing some contents of the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK

Second, on deliberating on and adopting the Law of the DPRK on Light Industry

Third, on deliberating on and adopting the Law of the DPRK on External Economic Affairs

Fourth, on the state of inspection and supervision of the enforcement of the Law of the DPRK on Quality Control

Fifth, organizational matter

Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the SPA Standing Committee, made a report on the first agenda item.

Saying that it is the steadfast will of the DPRK government to usher in a new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation by faithfully following the outstanding ideology and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un with the Socialist Constitution as a strong political weapon for building a powerful country, he proposed the relevant draft amendment to the SPA for deliberation.

Deputy Choe Ryong Hae delivers a report on the first agenda item.

The session adopted with unanimous approval the ordinance of the DPRK SPA "On amending and supplementing some contents of the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK."

Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the SPA Standing Committee, made a report on the second and third agenda items.

The session held study and consultative meetings on the drafts of the sector-specific laws, deliberated on and supplemented constructive opinions of deputies and adopted the ordinances of the DPRK SPA "On Adopting the Law of the DPRK on Light Industry" and "On Adopting the Law of the DPRK on External Economic Affairs."

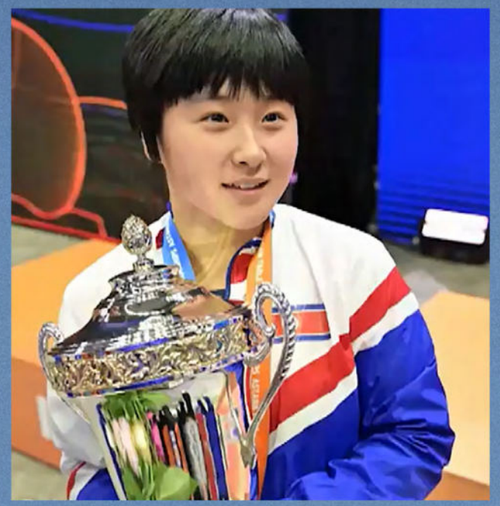
At the discussion of the fourth agenda item, a report was made on the inspection and supervision of the enforcement of the Law on Quality Control to be followed by speeches by deputies Jo Kyong Guk, Ri Song Bom, Rim Sun Hui, Ri Yong Chol and Kim Yun Sil.

The organizational matter was discussed as its fifth agenda item.

Speaker Pak In Chol of the SPA delivered a closing address.

Meteoric Rise to Global Fame:

ASIAN SUPERSTAR



Kim Kum Yong has defeated world-famous table tennis players and won a gold medal at the women's singles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

DPRK player Kim Kum Yong came first at the women's singles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

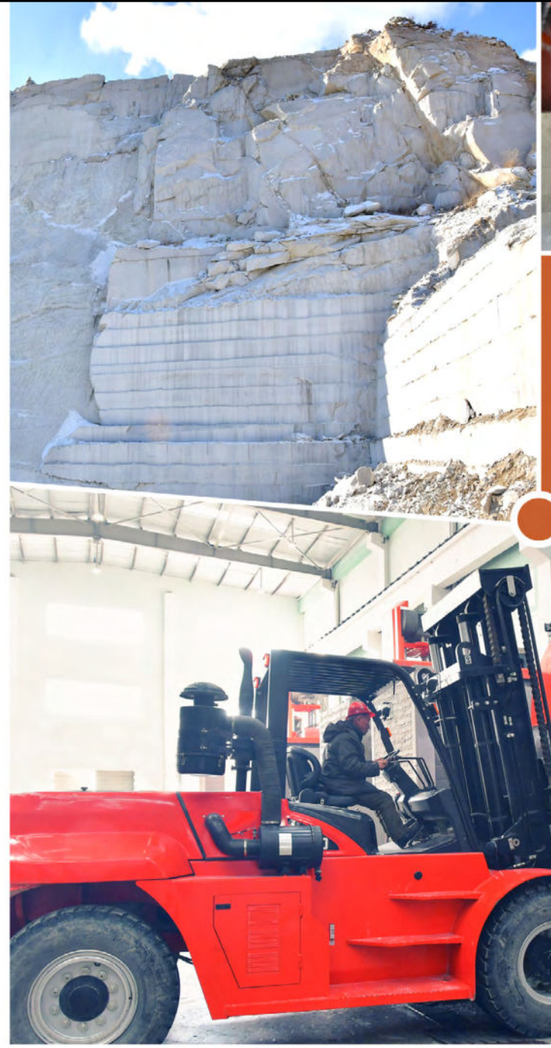
The championships, held in Astana of Kazakhstan from October 6 to 13, brought together more than 200 men and women players selected from over 20 countries and regions, including the DPRK, China, Thailand, Uzbekistan and India.

Kim Kum Yong beat her Chinese opponent 3-0 in the last sixteen, a player of the puppet ROK 3-1 in the quarterfinals and a Chinese Hong Kong player 3-0 in the semi-finals and advanced to the final match.

In the final held on October 13, she defeated her Japanese opponent 3-1 and bagged a gold medal.

Meanwhile, Ri Jong Sik and Kim Kum Yong came second and Ham Yu Song and Pyon Song Gyong third in the mixed doubles.

Quality Stone Products Manufactured



- Ryonggang Stone Processing Factory -

At the end of last year the Ryonggang Stone Processing Factory was inaugurated in Ryonggang County of Nampho, a famous granite deposit in the DPRK.

Built near the picturesque Ryongho Reservoir, the factory has a large mining area with an annual production capacity of hundreds of thousands of cubic metres of granite, a processing workshop equipped with modern machines, and others.

The workshop with a total building space of more than 10 000m^2 has a fine arrangement of 60-odd modern machines in 30 kinds to turn out various quality stone products including slabs, railings, newels and boundary stones.

The factory ensures the high quality of stone products by

maximizing the operation of machines and improving the technical knowledge and skills of the producers.

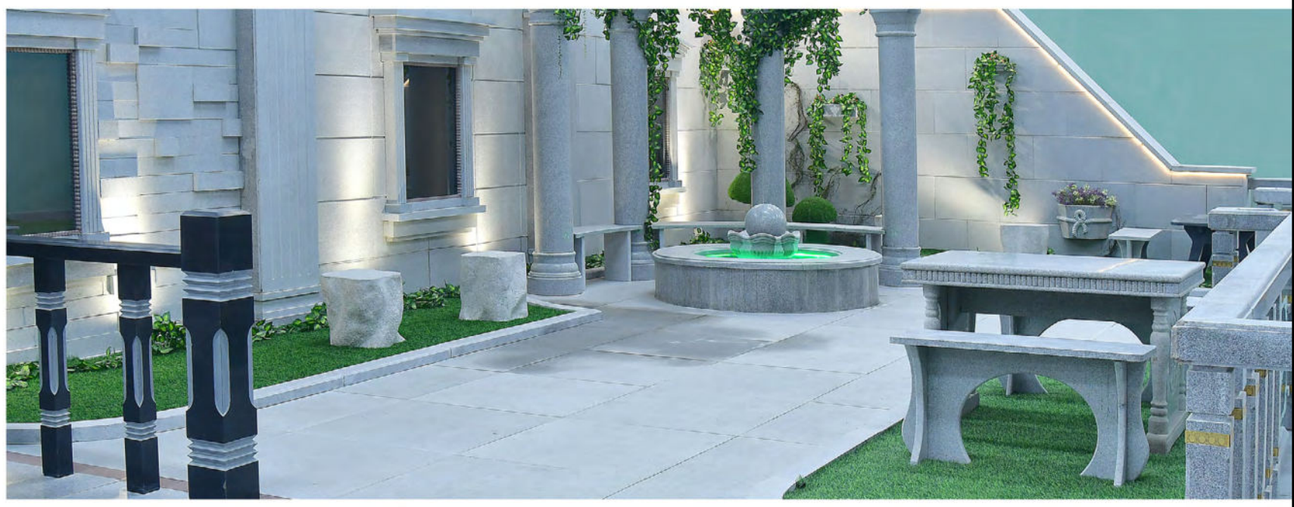
All the employees of the factory take an active part in the effort to develop and introduce new technologies, which proves effective in lowering the norm of raw material consumption per unit of product and increasing the productive efficiency.

Thanks to it, the factory, since its inauguration, has overfulfilled the production plans and turned out a large amount of quality stone products.

Its stone products in various forms and sizes enjoy growing demands throughout the country including the construction projects of 50 000 flats in the capital city.

Photo: Ra Phyong Ryol
Text: Kim Son Gyong

The large stone processing base equipped with sophisticated machines and equipment turns out quality stone products in large amounts.



Taechong Farm in Unpha County

New Appearances of Rural Communities

Dwelling houses newly built at the Ryongdu Farm in Tongchang County (left) and Taho Farm in Myongchon County (right)

Houses at the Taljon Farm in the city of Tanchon

Houses at the Manphung Farm in Jungsan County

Newly-built houses in various parts of the country and the people rejoicing at their new houses

Socialist rural communities in the DPRK are witnessing house-moving events day after day.

They are undergoing transformation with smart dwelling houses of various styles built to suit the natural and geographical conditions of coastal , flat, mountainous and other areas.

This year, the third year since the start of the implementation of the new rural revolution programme of the Workers' Party of Korea, more than 40 000 rural families in over a hundred cities and counties moved to new houses, showing a geometrical progression in number when compared with those built in the same period of the previous two years.

It is expected that the total number of houses across the country will increase dramatically by the end of this year, when those either nearing completion or going full steam ahead are added .

The news about the happy house-moving events becomes almost commonplace, and the styles of houses evolve with each passing day.

Agricultural workers express their excitement after being provided by the country with modern and stylish dwelling houses on a par with urban ones.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Pak Ui Chol

Base for Training Future Football Players

The Pyongyang International Football School located in Rungna Island, a picturesque place in Pyongyang, is a pedigree farm of reserve football players.

Established in May 2013 with ample conditions and environment for schoolchildren, the school admits those with good intellectual faculties and physical conditions selected from across the country and gives them education for primary, junior and senior courses by ages.

Students receive general education on the curriculums in the morning and football education in the afternoon.

At the outdoor and indoor training grounds furnished in the school compound students are preparing themselves as football talents through regular and scientific basic and physical trainings.

Teachers of the practical training department, former seed players of various sports clubs, are very ambitious to train their students to be excellent football players who will bring honour to the country and thus enhancing the quality of the practical education.

They are making detailed analysis of the latest information on sports science and technology and the matches of world-class football teams so as to cultivate the students' abilities of psychological control and develop their scoring sensation through intelligent training.

Students are getting basic training in football and physical training in a regular and scientific way.

They have developed effective and advanced teaching methods like that of guiding extracurricular practice suited to the students, movement speed measuring and real-time game analysis program, device for the player to judge circumstances and kick the ball, light-sensor speedometer, teaching and training aid program and player's nutrition management program, and introduced them, thus putting the education on a scientific footing.

Thanks to their painstaking efforts to implement the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea to train future football aces, the school students have so far achieved tangible successes.

They won gold medals in the AFC U-14 Girls' Regional Championship 2016 for East Zone, the AFC U-14 Junior Festival 2016 for East Zone, the 6th "Lancy&Codion" Cup U-14 International Football Tournament in 2017 and other international and national tournaments.

This year they took the first place in group A of the league matches of the EAFF U-15 Women's Championship 2024.

Coaches from the countries noted for football development visited the school and admired it, saying there is no other school like it in Asia and also rare to be seen around the world.

There were many graduates of the school among the football players who won the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Graduates of the school are active in several sports clubs with a promising future.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin
Text: Pak Ui Chol

Normal Vision

Comes Back to Countless Eyes

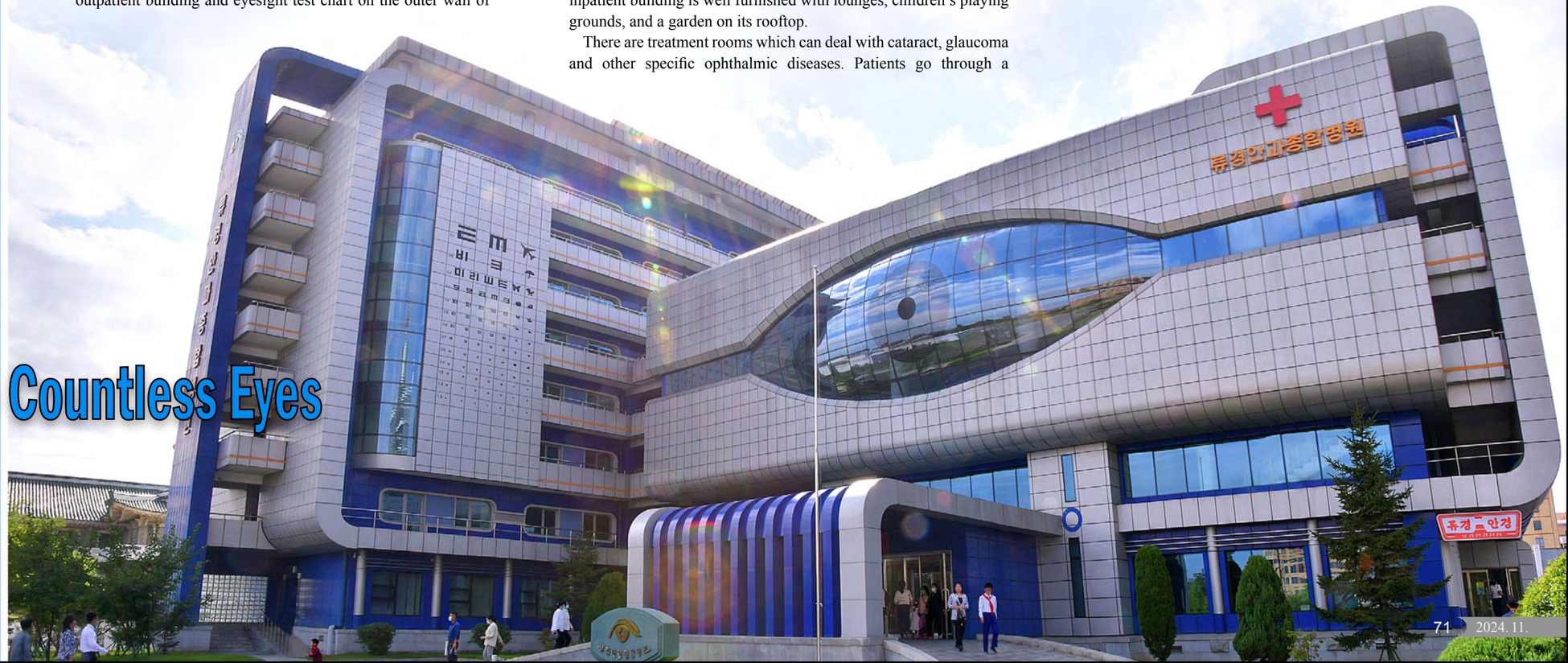
The Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital, boasting peculiar architectural beauty, is located in the Munsu area of Pyongyang, where modern hospitals are concentrated.

Occupying a total floor space of 11 800 square metres, the hospital is a multifunctional and comprehensive ophthalmic complex, with a four-storeyed building for outpatients, an eight-storeyed one for inpatients and an eyeglasses shop.

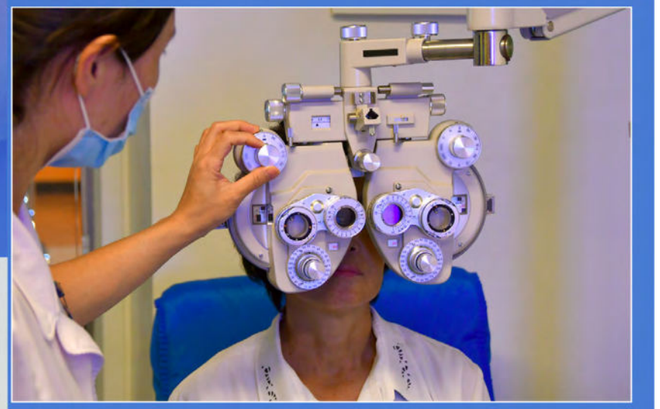
There are vivid models of human eye on the front wall of the outpatient building and eyesight test chart on the outer wall of the inpatient building respectively, so it is immediately noticeable that it is an ophthalmic hospital.

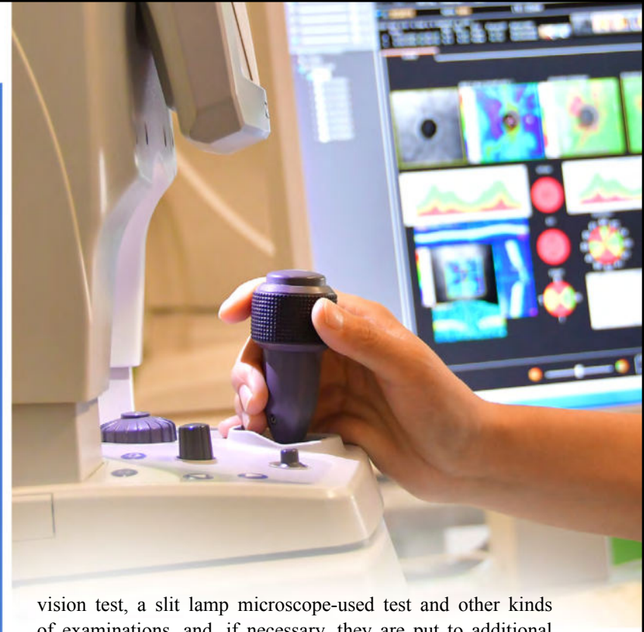
The hospital has scores of rooms for treatment, examination and operation, which are provided with top-notch equipment. And the inpatient building is well furnished with lounges, children's playing grounds, and a garden on its rooftop.

There are treatment rooms which can deal with cataract, glaucoma and other specific ophthalmic diseases. Patients go through a



Thanks to the medical workers with high level of abilities and sincere devotion, many people have regained their eyesight.





vision test, a slit lamp microscope-used test and other kinds of examinations, and, if necessary, they are put to additional examinations in diagnosis and examination rooms using relevant apparatuses.

The doctors are highly skilled and working with great care for patients.

They have applied effective treatment methods based on the accurate diagnoses of patients showing different clinical signs.

Recently, sophisticated surgical methods are introduced into removing vitreous body, proliferative retinal membranes and retina, achieving impressive progress in the treatment of proliferative vitreoretinopathy and diabetic retinopathy with complications that were quite impossible to treat in the past.

The hospital encourages exchanges of and seminars on clinical experiences to attain a goal of mastering advanced medical technology.

It has put its diagnosis and treatment of cataract, glaucoma, vitreoretinopathy and other eye diseases with high morbidity and vision loss rates on the world's level through extensive studies of modern medical science and technology, and produced satisfactory results in clinical practice by introducing a lot of diagnostic and treatment methods.

Tens of guidelines and reference books for treatment worked out by the hospital have been distributed to the medical institutions across the country, and the holders of academic degrees and titles have grown significantly in number since its inauguration.

The hospital is capable of producing thousands of intraocular lenses a year, thus satisfying the domestic demand.

Thanks to the high ability and devotion of medical workers, many people have restored their eyesight.

Since its inauguration on November 1, 2016, nearly 60 000 people have received eye surgery and recovered from their eye diseases.

The letters of thanks sent by the patients and their families to the hospital are increasing day by day.

Photo: Son Hui Yon
Text: Pak Ui Chol

DPRK's National Dog of Phungsan Show

The Phungsan dog show takes place every year, drawing not only experts but also many other people.

A Phungsan dog jumps a hurdle at the DPRK's national dog of Phungsan show-2024 held in Pyongyang.

Last October the DPRK's national dog of Phungsan show-2024 (Pyongyang Municipality) took place at the Central Zoo in the capital city of Pyongyang.

The show attracted scientists and technicians in the zoological and veterinary fields, and other people who wanted to keep Phungsan dogs.

The show was aimed at surveying and registering the purebreds of the Phungsan under state protection by examining individual dogs' temperatures, weights and mobility, hurdle-overcoming abilities and other indexes.

More than ten participants received the exhibition certificates and were awarded for their painstaking efforts to preserve the purebreds of the Phungsan.

Phungsan is a native dog of Korea.

It is named so, as it originated in the area of Kim Hyong Gwon County (formerly Phungsan County) in the northern part of the country.

It is known to be clever, tenacious, brave and agile, so it has long been loved by the Korean people and kept in many families.

Phungsan was designated as the national dog of the DPRK on November 7, 2014.

In 2022, the culture of the DPRK's national dog of Phungsan was inscribed as an element of the national intangible cultural heritage. The culture includes the breeding and taming of the Phungsan dogs, custom of hunting by using them, literary and art works in the form of novel, movie, fine art and others on the theme of the Phungsan, dog shows and other socio-cultural activities aimed at surveying, registering and appraising of the purebreds, disseminating scientific and technical knowledge, academic study and education and so on, as well as related cultural leverage.

Thanks to the state policy on nature conservation, the pedigree of Phungsan dogs and their own characteristic features have been well preserved, and a variety of social activities to protect and proliferate them are brisk in the capital city of Pyongyang and other parts of the country.

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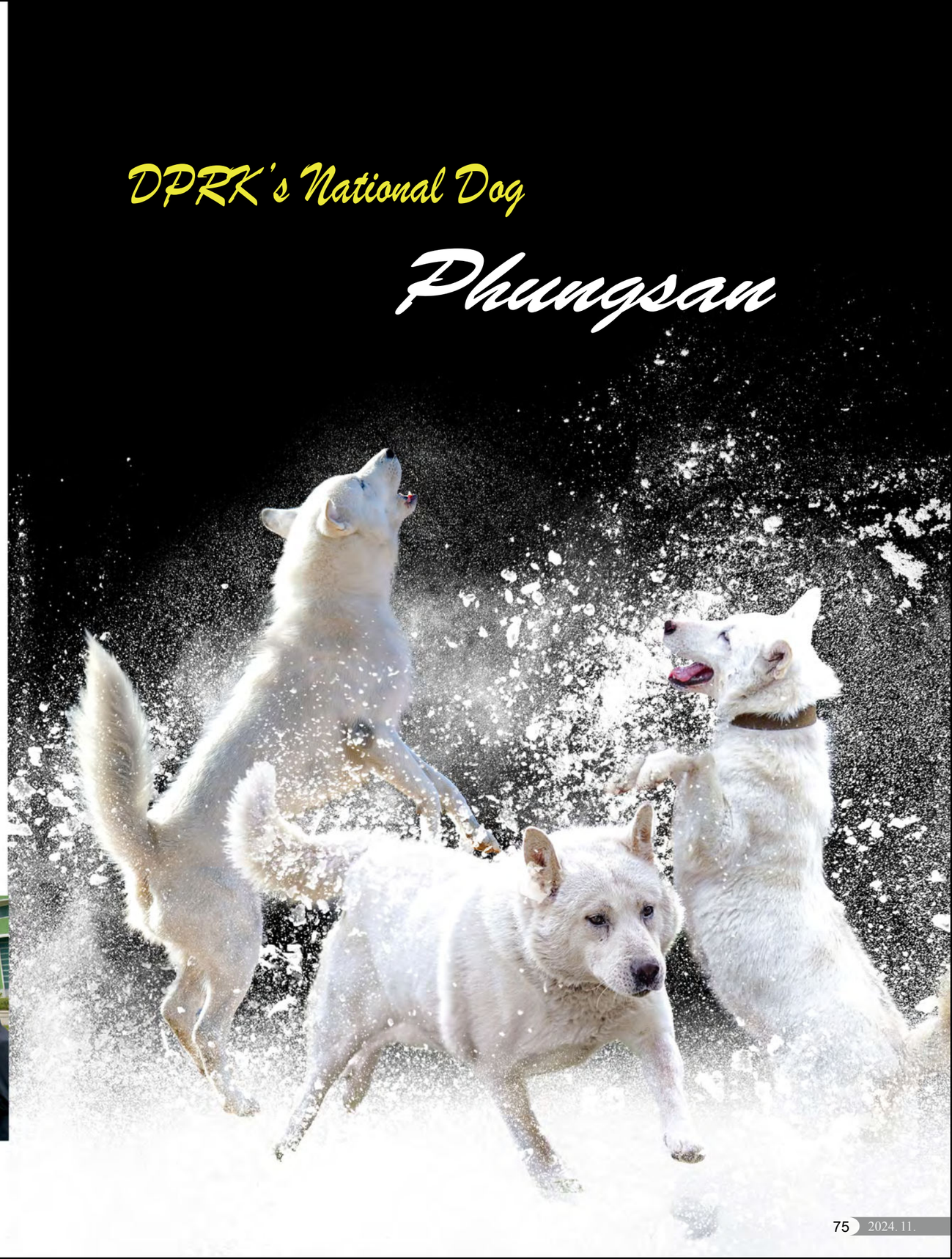

Jongyang Temple in Mt Kumgang

Jongyang Temple was named so because it was built at the sunniest place in the picturesque Mt Kumgang.

As it boasts a long history and developed architecture, the temple is under good preservation.

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